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The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year ended 31st December, 1944.

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To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Nidderdale Rural District Council.

My Lord, Lady and Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting for your consideration our Annual Report for the year 1944.

The Ministry of Health ask only for a short interim report as in the previous four years, reserving statistics of sanitary matters until a later date.

Your obedient Servants,

J.M. BENSON.
W.J. FORBES.

July, 1945.

NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health.	J.M. Benson, M.B., B.Ch., Edin. W.J. Forbes, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspectors.	A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Food Inspectors:	A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I., W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	75,004.
Registrar General's Estimated Population	12,440.
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1944)	3,683.
Rateable Value.	£62.098.
Sum represented by a penny rate..	£255.4.1d.

Social Conditions:- Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants.

		Total.	M.	F.		M.	F.	
Live Births.	Legitimate.	214.	109.	105.	Total	119.	116.	235.
	Illegitimate.	21.	10.	11.				
Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.								18.8.
Still Births.	Legitimate.	6.	5.	1.	Total	5.	2.	7.
	Illegitimate.	1.	-	1.				
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still Births).								19.
Deaths: Males 75. Females 71.								146.
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population								11.7.
Death Rate from Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis.								Nil.
Death Rate from other Maternal causes...								Nil.
Puerperal Death Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births... ...								Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-								
All infants per 1,000 Live Births.								38.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births...								8.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)								30.
Deaths from Whooping Cough.								Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).								Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year requiring comment.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply.

There has been no extension of supply of water during the year. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The cowsheds and dairies have been inspected as frequently as possible during the year. The majority of the buildings are good and methods of milk production tend to improve. There has been no instance of disease attributed to milk during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extensions of sewers during the year. Sewering is required in Arkendale, Brearton, Burton Leonard, Coneythorpe, Kettlesing, Scotton and Stainley. Extension of sewage disposal works were made at Coneythorpe and Hampsthwaite.

Public Cleansing.

Scavenging is in operation in six Parishes, and it is necessary in the remaining Parishes.

Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.

There are fifteen of these on the register and they are in a satisfactory condition.

EASTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply.

Nearly the whole Eastern Division has a supply of water from the boreholes at Marton-cum-Grafton. This is satisfactory in quality and quantity. An extension of the supply to the remaining Parishes is very necessary and a scheme is contemplated to meet this need.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The condition of the cowsheds on the whole is very satisfactory but that of a small number leaves much to be desired.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of drainage or sewerage during the year, but this is very much needed in numerous Parishes.

Public Cleansing.

Complete scavenging is carried out in Boroughbridge and Roecliffe. Monthly collections are made of Salvage in the other Parishes.

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WHOLE DISTRICT.

Housing.

There is a shortage of housing accommodation for Rural Workers.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

There were 54 cases of Scarlet Fever; 39 Whooping Cough; 4 Diphtheria; 69 Measles; 1 Erysipelas; 6 Pneumonia and none of Puerperal Pyrexia.

Diphtheria Immunisation is being carried out in the whole area particularly in children over one year and under five. The great majority of the children over five years having already been done.

Tuberculosis.

Ten cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year and there were four deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at All Ages.

Heart Disease	38.
Cancer.	30.
Apoplexy	15.
Pneumonia	2.
Measles, Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever.. ...	Nil.

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Medical Officers of Health.

July, 1945.